## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A <u>purified</u> peptide <del>having the general structural formula</del> <u>comprising the amino acid sequence</u>:

His-Gly-Val-Ser-Gly-Trp-Gly-Gln-His-Gly-Thr-His-Gly (SEQ ID NO 1) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, or ethers, or amides thereof.

## 2-6. (Canceled)

- 7. (Previously presented) The peptide of claim 1, having antiproliferative and cytotoxic activity.
  - 8. (Previously presented) The peptide of claim 1, having antitumoral activity.
  - 9. (Previously presented) The peptide of claim 1, having antiviral activity.
- 10. (Previously presented) The peptide of claim 1, having interferonogenic activity.

## 11-13. (Canceled)

- 14. (Currently Amended) A chemical compound having anti-proliferative, cytotoxic, antitumoral or antiviral activity, comprising the amino acid sequence as defined in claim 1 His-Gly-Val-Ser-Gly-Trp-Gly-Gln-His-Gly-Thr-His-Gly (SEQ ID NO 1), wherein the chemical compound is not a natural peptide or protein.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the <u>a</u> peptide of claim 1 comprising the amino acid sequence His-Gly-Val-Ser-Gly-Trp-Gly-Gln-His-Gly-Thr-His-Gly (SEQ ID NO 1).

## 16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the chemical compound of claim 14.

Claims 18 to 26. (Canceled)